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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO REPLY TO HISTADRUT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT ON
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY FROM AFL-CIO PRESIDENT
GEORGE MEANY TO HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL YERUCHAM
MESHEL'S APPEAL FOR MEANY'S SUPPORT IN COUNTERACTING
ALLEGED CHANGES IN U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY UNFAVORABLE
TO ISRAEL. THE CONTENTS OF MEANY'S RESPONSE HAVE NOT
BEEN MADE PUBLIC. MEANY'S LETTER DATED DEC. 9 1975.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 3, 1975 EXPRESSING
YOUR THOUGHTS CONCERNING RECENT ACTIONS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY RELATED
TO THIS EVENT.

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YESTERDAY, I EXPRESSED MY VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF U.S.

FOREIGN POLICY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE. THAT TESTIMONY MADE CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES
IN THE FUTURE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. A COPY OF MY
TESTIMONY IS ENCLOSED.

AS YOU KNOW, THE AFL-CIO HAS ALWAYS PROJECTED A FIRM AND
UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL. WE HAVE REFUSED
TO JOIN IN THE AD HOC AND SENSELESS RESPONSES OF THE
FREE WORLD TO SOVIET AND ARAB INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO
DESTROY THE STATE OF ISRAEL. WE HAVE CONDEMNED THOSE WHO
ATTACK YOU AND WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVES
OF YOUR PEOPLE.

WE DO NOT PLAN TO CHANGE OUR POSITION. WE DO EXPECT TO
CONTINUE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE FORCES OF TYRANNY.

WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY AND FRATERNALLY, GEORGE
MEANY, PRESIDENT. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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